

5.8.1.3 Develop and Implement Long-term Funding and Sustainability Strategy for Interoperable Communications

NECP Alignment:

NECP Objective	NECP Initiative	NECP Milestone
None	None	None

Gap Statement: Arizona is facing considerable state fiscal challenges related to the current economic environment and relies on a significant amount of federal grant funding and technical assistance to implement interoperable communications projects. These allocations are not sufficient to fully meet the interoperability needs of public safety and service agencies/organizations statewide. Arizona, therefore, has identified a need to develop long-term funding plans which include sustainability strategies.

Initiative Description: This initiative is intended to develop a detailed statewide funding plan for interoperable communications projects that takes into account all known and possible funding streams, identify areas where funding is lacking, and incorporate sustainability strategies to ensure sufficient funds are available to maintain and enhance projects after their initial implementation.

Priority: Medium

Term/Timeframe: Short-term (2011)

Lead/Owner: PSIC Office

Primary Participants:

- AZDOHS
- Regional partners
- State Agency Users
- PSCC

Action Plan:

- 1) Problem/Needs Analysis
 - a. Define the problems facing Arizona related to procuring sufficient and sustainable funding for interoperability projects
 - b. Identify possible solutions.
- 2) Stakeholder Input
 - a. Define a scope for each subordinate approach/solution.
 - b. Provide needs statements and inputs
 - c. Identify required participants.
- 3) Planning
 - a. Develop funding plans for projected interoperability projects/needs statewide
 - b. Develop sustainment plans which incorporate outreach, leadership support, and education elements in addition to funding requirements.
- 4) Design - Research historical lessons learned/successes (e.g., from SMEs, other localities/states, etc.).
- 5) Develop Proposals
 - a. Submit for stakeholder/SME review/feedback/recommendations
 - b. Present revised proposals to the appropriate approval body(ies) for further review and approval.
- 6) Implement approved approaches
- 7) Conduct both on-going and end result evaluations.

Objectives:

- 1) Identify known local, state, tribal, federal and/or private funding streams that could be used to support interoperability
- 2) Identify existing and projected interoperability projects in need of implementation and sustainment funding; determine funding requirements for each project
- 3) Develop a statewide long-term interoperable communications funding plan.

Performance Measures:

- 1) Finalize and publish a long-term statewide sustainable funding plan for interoperable communications.

Critical Success Factors/Risks:

- 1) Availability of resources (e.g., funding, staffing, equipment, etc.)
- 2) Cooperation of stakeholders into a statewide discussion process.

Funding:

There are currently no active funding sources for this initiative.

Potential funding

- Federal
 - IECGP
 - OEC
 - SHSGP
 - UASI
- State
 - PSIC Office

Outreach Plan: See Sections 5.3 and 5.8.5.1.